

What will you do?
Acts 2:12-41

Peter refutes the mockery of verse 13 and asserts Pentecost as the fulfilment of Joel (Acts 2:16-21). How does Pentecost fulfil Joel?

Peter's preaching focuses on Jesus and not, as we might expect at Pentecost, on the Holy Spirit. What did the people know about Jesus? What sort of man was he? How do you think the people should have responded to him? Instead, what did the people do?

Verse 36 is the key verse to understand the heart of Peter's message. What does Lord and Messiah mean?

What is the significance of Peter saying to a crowd that wasn't present at Jesus' trial "...this Jesus, whom you crucified"? Discuss: Could Peter say the same thing to us today?

Why does Peter quote David in Acts 2:25-28 (Psalm 16:8-11) and Acts 2:34-35 (Psalm 110:1)?

Why was it impossible for death to keep its grip on Jesus (v24)?

What is the response of the crowd and what does Peter tell them to do? (v37-39)

Explain verse 39. How is the promise to "your children and for all who are far off"?

Think it through

How closely does the message of the church today follow the message of Peter?

Can you describe your experience of being "cut to the heart"?

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, what does this mean to you?

Have you responded to Jesus as Peter pleads?